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HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY, ASC!

In an era of complex threats in contested environments, the U.S. Army relies on an unbreakable supply chain. For two decades, ASC has been the engine of that chain, delivering combat power and readiness across the globe. Click the photo to view our ASC birthday video.





HONORING 20 YEARS OF STEADFAST SERVICE TO ASC

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. - Soldiers' gear has evolved from paper maps and M16s to modern technology, but for two decades, the U.S. Army Sustainment Command has reliably delivered what they need, where it matters.

ASC marked 20 years as an organization effective October 1, 2026. Throughout time, it has changed as much as the Army, but the constant of being ready and reliable has remained. Some Civilians - 19 of them - have been with ASC since the beginning. They were recognized at ASC's birthday celebration and given a plaque and letter by Maj. Gen. Eric Shirley, ASC commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Gusman, ASC command sergeant major.

"Being part of ASC's 20-year history is both humbling and meaningful," said Mikhail Giza, the Journey to Leadership program manager. "ASC has provided worthwhile employment that has enabled me to support my family, while also giving me the opportunity to contribute to the Army's missions. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to travel internationally, support Soldiers in diverse operational environments, and see firsthand the impact of ASC's work around the world."

"I was one among many Civilians that stood up the Army Sustainment Command," said Aubrey (A.B.) Bell, a logistics management specialist. "The conversion changed everything about the organization in such a significant way that no one could clearly identify what our mission truly was or how we were to perform it. It seemed like headquarters and Army Materiel Command had given us an unrestrained, blank license to transform the Army into a future force that was not bound to precedence. In that type of environment, we truly did transform Army logistics to meet the demands. ASC is notorious in every facet of Army living and mission."

For some, the moments that stuck out over their double decades of service are the ones where they felt the impact and weight of helping others.

"While I look back on 22 years of Army Prepositioned Stocks and lead materiel integrator mission success with great pride, what resonates most is the human element of that work," said Kimberly Kampner, LMI logistics equipment division chief. "Nothing is more rewarding than hearing from a colleague that my guidance helped them conquer a difficult task, acquire a new skill, or step forward with greater confidence."

For Cindy Beserra, secretary to the general staff, she is proud to hold the same position that her father held as a Soldier at the organization. She is a friendly, familiar face to anyone that has worked at ASC headquarters. Beserra is proud that she "attained a position that I can provide support to both action officers and senior leaders, both here at headquarters and in the field." With a vast knowledge of all things ASC related, she says that newcomers should, "be a sponge. Soak it all up. Listen and learn at all times, and ask questions. Work your way up the chain, and never think anybody owes you something. You are responsible for yourself."

Many Civilians at ASC headquarters embrace the chance to go out into the field to help. That's the case for Gil Ponce, logistics management specialist for Acquisition Integration and Management. He served nine deployments in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Puerto Rico in support of troops through various missions over his time at ASC. "Move around the command to learn how other organizations operate," he advises to others.

William Ellis, III, a general engineer, offers a similar recommendation. "Take assignments overseas," he said. "Permanent change of station or temporary duty. Working and living in other cultures, as opposed to just being a tourist, forces you to examine your assumptions and opinions and see other possibilities. Don't hide on base. Get out and see the world. It will make you a better employee and a better citizen."

ASC is known for taking care of Soldiers, but they also take care of their Civilians. Those within the organization take pride in their work, especially knowing that the organization also cares for them and wants to see them succeed.

"As a working single mom, ASC backed my education as I earned my degree," said Angela Keel-Welch, a paralegal. "Weathering 20 years of challenges has taught me that ASC doesn't just deliver readiness to the warfighter, it invests in the people who sustain them."

Happy Birthday, ASC. Here's to continuing to be a firm, steady force in Army readiness.

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